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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 5, 2008 concerning the Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 21, 2008 filed in Response to the February 21, 2008 Office Action (the Office Action), please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.